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PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) August 30, 2017

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Note Proposed Amendments: (added text to the code is: <u>underlined</u>, deleted text to the code is: struck through)

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1)	2015 IECC C202	The Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), and Southface Energy Institute propose the following edit to the definition of "On-Site Renewable Energy" contained in Section C202 of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC): Revise Section 202 General Definition. ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY. Energy systems that are located on the building site, are installed on the building's side of the utility service provider's meter, produce energy primarily intended for use in the building and not solely for export to utilities, and produce energy derived from any of the following sources: solar radiation, wind, waves, tides, landfill gas, biomass or the internal heat of the earth. Energy systems that derive energy from solar radiation shall be modeled in the orientation of the energy system. This commentary only pertains to energy systems that derive energy from solar radiation and are owned by a third-party. The Georgia Solar Power Free-Market Financing Act of 2015 (commonly referred to as "HB 57") allows a customer to purchase solar electricity generated by a solar system owned by a third-party so long as certain criteria are met. Two key criteria are that the law only authorizes solar system owned by a third-party so long as certain criteria are met. Two key criteria are that the law only authorizes solar systems that generate electricity fueled by sunlight and that the solar system must be installed on property owned or occupied by the entity purchasing the system's electricity. The definition of "property" extends to all adjacent contiguous tracts of land utilized by the entity purchasing the solar system's electricity. "Building Site" in C202 and R202 is defined as a contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control of one entity. While this definition of "building site" is similar to HB 57's definition of "property," the key difference is that HB 57 focuses on the entity purchasing the solar system's electricity. When modeling a solar system that	Shan Arora, Southface	R
2)	2015 IECC C402.5, ASHRAE 90.1: 5.4.3	Proposed Amendment to require Light Commercial Building Blower Door Testing - (Amend IECC C402.5 and add to ASHRAE 90.1-2013 5.4.3) Regardless of which commercial code is used to demonstrate compliance, air leakage testing shall be required for all midrise Multifamily housing units containing up to six stories of residential units. Testing shall follow all the same requirements as low-rise Multifamily (3-stories and under)	Mike Barcik, Southface Representing (GEFA)	No Action in Lieu of Item 39
3)	2015 IECC C402.5, ASHRAE 90.1: 5.4.3	Proposed Amendment to require Light Commercial Building Blower Door Testing - (Amend IECC C402.5 and add to ASHRAE 90.1-2013) Regardless of which commercial code is used to demonstrate compliance, air leakage testing shall be required for all new, conditioned (both heated and cooled) commercial buildings < 5,000 s.f. Test results must demonstrate air tightness with an Envelope Leakage Ratio (ELR ₇₅) < 0.5 where, ELR ₇₅ = CFM ₇₅ / square footage of building shell area CFM of Leakage at 75 Pa (0.3 inches of w.c.) may be measured directly or extrapolated from leakage measured with a blower door at 50 Pa. For conversion purposes, CFM ₇₅ = CFM ₅₀ x 1.30 Exceptions: warehouses and storage spaces that are not fully conditioned (both heated and cooled) and buildings with commercial kitchen hoods Example 1. A one-story building measures 50 x 100 (5,000 s.f.) with 12' ceilings. The building shell area is the floors, walls and ceilings that make up the thermal envelope. In this example,	Mike Barcik, Southface Representing (GEFA)	D

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		 the building envelope (footprint) floor is 50x100 = 5,000 s.f. the top level ceiling is 50x100 = 5,000 s.f. the walls are 300' x 12' = 3,600 s.f. The total shell area is 13,600 s.f. In order for the measured ELR₇₅ to pass, the leakage must be less than 6,800 CFM₇₅. ELR₇₅ = CFM₇₅ / square footage of building shell area = 6,799 /13,600 < 0.5 Example 2. A two-story building with 12' ceilings measures 50 x 40 on each level (2,000 s.f. each floor, 4,000 s.f. total). The building shell area is the floors, walls (including the band between the first and second floors) and ceilings that make up the thermal envelope. In this example, the building envelope (footprint) floor is 50x40 = 2,000 s.f. the top level ceiling is 50x40 = 2,000 s.f. the walls are (50'+40'+50'+40') x (12'+1'+12')' = 4,500 s.f. The total shell area is 8,500 s.f. In order for the measured ELR₇₅ to pass, the leakage must be less than 4,250 CFM₇₅. ELR₇₅ = CFM₇₅ / square footage of building shell area = 4,249 /8,500 < 0.5 		
4)	2015 IECC C402.5.3	Delete Section C402.5.3 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances without substitution: C402.5.3 Rooms containing fuel burning appliances. In <i>Climate Zones</i> 3 through 8, where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion space conditioning fuel burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air openings shall be located outside of the <i>building thermal envelope</i> or enclosed in a room isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of Table C402.1.3 or C402.1.4, where the walls, floors and ceilings shall meet the minimum of the below grade wall <i>R</i> value requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed, and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section C403. The combustion air duct shall be insulated, where it passes through conditioned space, to a minimum of R-8. Exceptions: 1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside. 2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Sections 901 through 905 of the <i>International Mechanical Code</i> , and Section 2111.13 of the <i>International Building Code</i> .	Andrea Papageorge, Southern Company Gas	D
5)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Barry Dameron, Cobb School Distr.	Α
6)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Barry Spurlock, Spurlock Associates	See #5
7)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Brian Griffin, Quality Air, Inc.	See #5
8)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Bruce Stuart, Rockdale County Public Schools	See #5
9)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Doug Roland, Cobb School Dist.	See #5
10)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Dennis Bledsoe, Clayton Schools Dist.	See #5

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12)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems" , including its corresponding Table C403.2.8 , in its entirety.	Gregg Cox, Matheson Ball & Asso.	See #5
13)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Jack Gardner, Douglas County School System	See #5
14)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems" , including its corresponding Table C403.2.8 , in its entirety.	James Griffin, Quality Air, Inc.	See #5
15)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	James Matheson, Matheson Ball & Asso.	See #5
16)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Joe Perno, Barrow County Schools	See #5
17)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems" , including its corresponding Table C403.2.8 , in its entirety.	Josh Patton, Jackson County School	See #5
18)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Kenneth Elsberry, Paulding School Dist.	See #5
19)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Michael Kicher, Matheson-Ball & Assoc.	See #5
20)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Michael Waldbillig, Southern A&E	See #5
21)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Mike Dillon, Spurlock & Assoc.	See #5
22)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Pankaj Daiya, Bartow School Syst.	See #5
23)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Phil Parrott, Cherokee School Distr.	See #5
24)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Remove the entire code section <u>"C403.2.8 Kitchen Exhaust Systems"</u> from the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and the corresponding table <u>"Table C403.2.8 Maximum Net Exhaust Flow Rate, CFM per Linear Foot of Hood Length.</u>	Robert Scott Brown, Matheson-Ball & Assoc.	See #5
25)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Scott Buchberger, Robertson Loia Roof	See #5
26)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Scott Burgess, Oconee County Schools	See #5
27)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Tim Fisher, Gwinnett County Schools	See #5
28)	2015 IECC C403.2.8	Removal of Section C403.2.8 titled "Kitchen Exhaust Systems", including its corresponding Table C403.2.8, in its entirety.	Tim Williams, Rome County Schools	See #5

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29)	2015 IECC C407.3 and C407.4.2	C407.3 Performance-based compliance. Compliance based on total building performance requires that a proposed building (proposed design) be shown to have an annual energy cost that is less than or equal to the annual energy cost of the standard reference design. Energy prices shall be taken from a source approved by the code official, such as the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration's State Energy Price and Expenditure Report. Code officials shall be permitted to require time-of-use pricing in energy cost calculations. Nondepletable energy collected off site shall be treated and priced the same as purchased energy. Energy from nondepletable energy sources collected on site shall be omitted from the annual the reduction in energy cost of the proposed design associated with on-site renewable energy shall be not more than 5% of the total annual energy cost. The amount of renewable energy purchased from off-site sources shall be the same in the standard reference design and the proposed design. Exception: Jurisdictions that require site energy (1 kWh = 3413 Btu) rather than energy cost as the metric of comparison. C407.4.2 Additional documentation. The code official shall be permitted to require the following documents: 1. Documentation of the building component characteristics of the standard reference design. 2. Thermal zoning diagrams consisting of floor plans showing the thermal zoning scheme for standard reference design and proposed design. 3. Input and output reports from the energy analysis simulation program containing the complete input and output files, as applicable. The output file shall include energy use totals and energy use by energy source and end-use served, total hours that space conditioning loads are not met and any errors or warning messages generated by the simulation tool as applicable. 4. An explanation of any error or warning messages appearing in the simulation tool output. 5. A certification signed by the builder providing the building component characteristics	Eric Lacey, RECA	R
30)	2015 IECC Table C407.5.1(1)	Revise Table C407.5.1(1) Incorporate the following approved 2015 IECC code change as of the end of the 2016 ICC Group B Public Comment Hearings: CE 259-16 Part I (Commercial provisions) The remainder of the table is unchanged.	Roger LeBrun, (VELUX America LLC)	D
31)	2015 IECC R202	The Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), and Southface Energy Institute propose the following edit to the definition of "On-Site Renewable Energy" contained in Section C202 of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC): Revise Section 202 General Definition. ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY. Energy systems that are located on the building site, are installed on the building's side of the utility service provider's meter, produce energy primarily intended for use in the building and not solely for export to utilities, and produce energy derived from any of the following sources: solar radiation, wind, waves, tides, landfill gas, biomass or the internal heat of the earth. Energy systems that derive energy from solar radiation shall be modeled in the orientation of the energy system. This commentary only pertains to energy systems that derive energy from solar radiation and are owned by a third-party. The Georgia Solar Power Free-Market Financing Act of 2015 (commonly referred to as "HB 57") allows a customer to purchase solar electricity generated by a solar system owned by a third-party so long as certain criteria are met. Two key criteria are that the law only authorizes solar systems that generate electricity fueled by sunlight and that the solar system must be installed on property owned or occupied by the entity purchasing the system's electricity. The definition of "property" extends to all adjacent contiguous tracts of land utilized by the entity purchasing the solar system's electricity. "Building Site" in C202 and R202 is defined as a contiguous area of land that is under the ownership or control	Shan Arora, Southface	R

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34)	Tables R402.1.2	4	49	20 or 13+5	20 or 13+		8/13 ABLE R402	19 1 4		10/13	10, 2ft		10/13		in Lieu
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35)	2015 IECC Tables R402.1.2 and 402.1.4	CL	IMATE ZONE 2 3 4 IMATE ZONE 2 3 4	INS FE	0.35 0.35 0.35 0.35 0.35	T FENESTR J-FACTOR 5 T EQUIN J-FACTOR	ABLE R402.1.2 ATION REQUII SKYLI ABLE R402.1.4 //ALENT U-FAC	REMENTS GHT U-FAG 0.65 0.55 0.55 0.55 4 TORS GHT U-FAG 0.65 0.55 0.55	CTOR	GLAZED	FENESTRATIO 0.25 0.25 0.40 0.25 FENESTRATIO 0.25 0.25		Eric Lacey, RECA	No Action in Lieu of Item 57
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		2	0.40	0.65	0.25	38	13	4/6	13	0	0	0		
		3	0.35	0.55	0.25	38	20 OR 13+5h <u>15 or 13+2h</u>	8/13	19	5/13F	0	5/13		
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36)	Tables R402.1.2 and R402.1.4		ralue is cavity insulat otnotes remain unc		nd is continuous ins	ulation, so R	-13+ <u>52</u> means R-2	13 cavity plus	R- <u>52</u> contir	nuous insulation			Association	Action in Lieu of Item
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37)	2015 IECC R402.2.1	R402.2.1 30 over 10 the full he Section R4	ction 402.2.1 (Ceilings with 00 percent of the dight of uncome 102.1.2 would shall be deem	h attic sp the ceiling pressed F require R	paces. Where garea requiring area requiring area requiring area area requiring area area area area area area area are	Section Ing insulat In extendit In the common the co	R402.1.2 wo ion shall be s completely eiling, installi	uld requind deemed to over the ing R-38 c	o satisfy wall top over 100	the requir plate at the percent of	ement for R- e eaves. Sim the ceiling a	38 wherever nilarly, where requiring	Randy Nicklas, ICYNENE, Inc.	R

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		insulation extends over the wall top plate at the eaves. This reduction shall not apply to the U-factor alternative approach in Section R402.1.4 and the total UA alternative in Section R402.1.5. For HVAC attic platforms used for locating and servicing equipment, R-19 (maximum U-0.047) shall be deemed to meet the requirements of R-38 (maximum U-0.027) in the ceiling. R-19 is deemed acceptable for up to 32 square feet of attic decking per HVAC system. R-19 shall be deemed acceptable for a maximum 32 inch wide passage to the HVAC system as referenced under M1305.1.3 of the International Residential Code. Add a new Section 402.2.14 to read as follows: Insulation Installation Details		
38)	2015 IECC R402.2.14	Wall and ceiling insulation that makes up portions of the building thermal envelope in GA residences shall be installed to Passing Grade quality. Two criteria affect installed insulation grading: voids/ gaps (in which no insulation is present in a portion of the overall insulated surface) and compression/incomplete fill (in which the insulation does not fully fill out or extend to the desired depth). Voids/Gaps Voids or gaps in the insulation are only occasional and very small for Passing Grade (< 1% of overall component surface area) Compression/Incomplete Fill Compression/Incomplete Fill for both air permeable insulation (e.g., fiberglass, cellulose) and air impermeable insulation (e.g., spray polyurethane foam) must be less than 1 inch in depth or less than 20% of the intended depth, whichever is more stringent. The allowable area of compression/incomplete fill must be less than 5% of the overall insulated surface to achieve a Passing Grade. Any compression/incomplete fill with a depth greater than the above specifications (up to 1" or 20% of the intended depth, whichever is more stringent) shall not achieve a Passing Grade. Additional Wall insulation Requirements All vertical air permeable insulation shall be installed in substantial contact with an air barrier on all six (6) sides. Exception: Unfinished basements and fireplaces (insulation shall be restrained to stay in place). For unfinished s, air permeable insulation and associated framing in a framed cavity wall shall be installed less than ¼" from the basement wall surface. Attic kneewall details – Attic kneewalls shall be insulated to a total R-value of at least R-18 through any combination of cavity and continuous insulation. Air permeable insulation shall be installed with a fully sealed attic-side air barrier (e.g., OSB with seams caulked, rigid insulation with joints taped, etc.). Attic kneewalls with air impermeable insulation shall not require an additional attic-side air barrier. Underfloor insulation that makes up portions of the	Abe Kruger, SK Collaborative	D

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		depth, whichever is more stringent. The allowable area of compression/incomplete fill must be less than 10% of the overall insulated surface to achieve a Passing Grade. Any compression/incomplete fill with a depth greater than the above specifications (up to 1" or 20% of the intended depth, whichever is more stringent) shall not achieve a Passing Grade.		
39)	2015 IECC R402.4.1.3	Add a new Section 402.4.1.3 Low-rise R-2 multifamily testing. Low-rise R2 multifamily dwellings shall be tested to less than 7 air changes per hour at 50 Pascals (ACH50). As an alternative to ACH50, compliance for Low-rise R2 dwellings may be attained by achieving an Envelope Leakage Ratio at 50 Pascals (ELR50) of less than 0.35 (ELR50 < 0.35, where ELR50 = CFM50 / Envelope Shell Area, in square feet). Add a new Section 402.4.1.3.1 Low-rise multifamily testing protocol. (Optional) Where a residential building is classified as R2, envelope testing may (optionally) employ either or both of the following testing protocols: 1. Utilize multiple fans in adjacent units (commonly referred to as Guarded Blower Door testing) to minimize effect of leakage to adjacent units (not required). 2. Envelope testing of less than 100 percent shall be acceptable assuming a maximum sampling protocol of 1 in 4 units per floor (if sampled unit passes, the remaining up to three units are deemed to comply; if sampled unit fails, it must be sealed and retested and the remaining up to three units shall also be tested).	David Goulding, Ensign Building Solutions; Mike Barcik, Southface, Representing (GEFA)	R
40)	2015 IECC R402.4.4	Delete Section R402.4.4 without substitution: R402.4.4 Rooms containing fuel-burning appliances. In Climate Zones 3 through 8, where open combustion air ducts provide combustion air to open combustion fuel burning appliances, the appliances and combustion air opening shall be located outside the building thermal envelope or enclosed in a room, isolated from inside the thermal envelope. Such rooms shall be sealed and insulated in accordance with the envelope requirements of Table R402.1.2, where the walls, floors and ceilings shall meet not less than the basement wall R value requirement. The door into the room shall be fully gasketed and any water lines and ducts in the room insulated in accordance with Section R403. The combustion air duct shall be insulated where it passes through conditioned space to a minimum of R-8. Exceptions: 1. Direct vent appliances with both intake and exhaust pipes installed continuous to the outside. 2. Fireplaces and stoves complying with Section R402.4.2 and Section R1006 of the International Residential Code.	Andrea Papageorge, Southern Company Gas	D
41)	2015 IECC R403.3	R403.3 (N1102.3) Ducts. Ducts and air handlers shall be installed in accordance with Sections R403.3.1 through R403.3.5 R403.3.7. New Text: R403.3.6 Ducts buried within ceiling insulation. Where supply and return air ducts are partially or completely buried in ceiling insulation, such ducts shall comply with all of the following: 1. The supply and return ducts have insulation of an R-value not less than of R-8. 2. At all points along each duct, the sum of the ceiling insulation R-values against and above the top of the duct, and against and below the bottom of the duct is not less than R-19, excluding the R-value of the duct insulation. In climate zones 1A, 2A and 3A, the supply ducts which are completely buried within ceiling insulation, are insulated to an R-value of not less than R-13 and are in compliance with the vapor retarder requirements of Section 604.11 of the International Mechanical Code or Section M1601.4.6 or the International Residential Code, as applicable. Exception: Sections of the supply duct that are less than 3 feet from the supply outlet shall not be required to comply with these requirements.	Charles Cottrell, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)	D

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	2015 IECC R403.3	R403.3.6.1 Deeply buried duct effective R-value. Sections of ducts installed in accordance with Section R403.3.6 and directly on or within 5.5 inches of the ceiling board and surrounded with blown attic insulation of R-30 or greater and the top of the duct is buried a minimum of 3.5 inches below the insulation shall be permitted to claim an effective duct insulation of R-25 for the deeply buried section of the duct when using a simulated energy performance analysis. R403.3.7 Ducts located in conditioned space. For ducts to be considered as inside a conditioned space, the ducts shall comply with either of the following: 1. The duct system is located completely within the continuous air barrier and within the building thermal envelope. 2. The ducts are buried within ceiling insulation in accordance with Section R403.3.6 and all of the following conditions exist: 2.1 The air handler is located completely within the continuous air barrier and within the building thermal envelope. 2.2 The duct leakage, as measured either by a rough-in test of the ducts or a post-construction total system leakage test to outside the building thermal envelope in accordance with Section R403.3.4, is less than or equal to 1.5 cubic feet per minute (42.5 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area served by the duct system. 2.3 The ceiling insulation R-value installed against and above the insulated duct is greater than or equal to the proposed ceiling insulation R-value, less the R-value of the insulation on the duct.	Charles Cottrell, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)	
42)	2015 IECC Table R405.5.2(1)	Incorporate the following approved 2015 IECC code change as of the end of the 2016 ICC Group B Public Comment Hearings: CE 259-16 Part II (Residential provisions) The remainder of the table is unchanged.	Roger LeBrun, VELUX America	D
43)	2015 IECC R406	Revise Section R406 Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative R406.1 Scope. This section establishes criteria for compliance using an Energy Rating Index (ERI) analysis. R406.2 Mandatory requirements. Compliance with this section requires that the mandatory provisions identified in Sections R401 and R403.5.3 be met. The building thermal envelope shall be greater than or equal to levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient in Table 402.1.1 or 402.1.3 of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. Exception: Supply and return ducts not completely inside the building thermal envelope shall be insulated to a minimumof R-6.R406.3 Energy Rating Index. The Energy Rating Index (ERI) shall be a numerical integer value that is based on a linear scale constructed such that the ERI reference design has an Index value of 100 and a residential building that uses no net purchased energy has an Index value of 0. Each integer value on the scale shall represent a 1 percent change determined in the total energy use of the rated design relative to the total energy use of the ERI reference design accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 except for buildings constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code, the ERI reference design ventilation rate shall be in accordance with the following: .The ERI shall consider all energy used in the residential building. Energy used to recharge or refuel a vehicle for on-road (and off-site) transportation purposes shall not be included in the ERI reference design or the rated design. Ventilation rate = (0.01 x total square foot area of house) + (7.5 (N _{br} + 1)) Equation 4-1 where, Ventilation rate in units of cubic feet per minute N _{br} = Number of bedrooms R406.3.1 ERI reference design shall be configured such that it meets the minimum requirements of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code prescriptive requirements. The proposed residential building shall be shown to have an annual total normalized modified load less than or equal to the annual total l	Amanda Hickman, Leading Builders of America	No Action in Lieu of Item 44

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i		Verification of compliance with Section R406 shall be completed by an <i>approved</i> third party.		
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47)	2015 IECC Table	Revise Table C402.1.3 Cread as follows: OPAQUE THERM Climate Zone	James Martin, Building Officials Association of Georgia	R								
	C402.1.3	Unheated slabs Heated slabs	Slab-on-gr R-10 for 24" below NR R-15 for 24" below	R-10 for 24" below NR R-15 for 24" below	remainder of table left unchanged	(BOAG)						
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49)	2015 IECC C403.2.3	C403.2.3 HVAC equipm Modification to C403.2.	-	-		John Pruitt, Representing ASHRAE	R					
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51)	2015 IECC C403.4.2.6	C403.4.2.6 Pump Isolation. Chilled water plants including more than one chiller shall have the capability to reduce flow automatically through the chiller plant when a chiller is shut down. Chillers piped in series for the purpose of increased temperature differential shall be considered as one chiller. Boiler plants including more than one boiler shall have the capability to reduce flow automatically through the boiler plant when a boiler is shut down. Flow isolation shall allow time for adequate thermal dissipation of residual heat to prevent relief before isolating boiler(s). Scott Walters, Representing American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)										
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54)	2015 IECC C408.2	Prior to fi provide e section. Constructi accordance document request in At the disc of system	Construction document notes shall clearly indicate provisions for commissioning and completion requirements in accordance with this section and are permitted to refer to specifications for further requirements. Copies of all documentation shall be given to the owner or owner's authorized agent and made available to the code official upon request in accordance with Sections C408.2.4 and C408.2.5 At the discretion of the Owner or owner's agent commissioning of mechanical systems is encouraged to assure validatio of system performance. Functional performance testing by a contractor or third party is required. However, code official shall not require commissioning as a precursor to issuance of certificates of occupancy.											Scott Walters, Representing American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)	w
55)	2015 IECC C408.2.3.1	compone specificat confirmed following	108.2.3.1 Equipment. Equipment functional performance testing shall demonstrate the installation and operation of mponents, systems, and system-to-system interfacing relationships in accordance with approved plans and ecifications such that operation, function, and maintenance serviceability for each of the commissioned systems is nfirmed. Testing shall include all modes and sequence of operation, including under full-load, part –load and the llowing emergency conditions:											Scott Walters, Representing American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)	w
		Revise Table R402.1.2 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component and TableR402.1.4 Equivalent U-Factors to read as follows:													
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56)	R402.1.2 & R402.1.4	4 except marine	0.35	0.55	. 40 <u>0.27</u>	49 <u>38</u>	20 OR 13+5h 13	<u>18</u>	8/13	19	10/13	10, 2 FT <u>0</u>	10/13	Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG)	in Lieu of Item 57
		h. The first v	alue is cavity insul	ation, the sec	ond value is con	tinuous. So '	TABLE R40		ulation plu	s R-5 continue	ous insulation.				
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59)	2015 IECC R402.4.1.2	R402.4.1.2 Testing. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM E 779 or ASTM E1827 or ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380 and reported at a pressure of 0.2-inch w.g. (50 Pascals). Where required by the code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be per- formed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building R Association of Georgia											R		
60)	2015 IECC R402.4.1.2	thermal envelope. Testing shall be conducted by a certified duct and envelope tightness (DET) verifier. R402.4.1.2 Testing. Where required by code official, testing shall be conducted by an approved third party. Bring Forward Current GA Amendment: R402.4.1.2 Testing. Testing shall be conducted by a certified duct and envelope tightness (DET) verifier. Add definition of 'CERTIFIED DUCT AND ENVELOPE TIGHTNESS (DET) VERIFIER' as follows: CERTIFIED DUCT AND ENVELOPE TIGHTNESS (DET) VERIFIER. A certified DET verifier shall be a certified Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS) rater, or be a Building Performance Institute (BPI) Analyst, or be an Infiltration Duct Leakage (IDL) Certified, or successfully complete a certified DET verifier course that is approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.											Neal Davis, Representing Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG)	R	

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61)	2015 IECC C403.3	Delete the below paragraph from the exception section of C403.3 Economizers (Prescriptive) The total supply capacity of all fan-cooling units not provided with economizers shall not exceed 20 percent of the total supply capacity of all fan-cooling units in the building or 300,000 Btu/h (88 kW), whichever is greater.	John Pruitt, Representing ASHRAE	А
62)	2015 IECC C403.2.9	 C403.2.9 Duct and plenum insulation and sealing. Supply and return air ducts and plenums shall be insulated with a minimum of R-6 insulation where located in unconditioned spaces and where located outside the building with a minimum of R-8 insulation in Climate Zones 2 through 4 and a minimum of R-12 insulation in Climate Zones 5 through 8. Where located within a building envelope assembly, the duct or plenum shall be separated from the building exterior or unconditioned or exempt spaces by a minimum of R-8 insulation in Climate Zones 2 through 4 and a minimum of R-12 insulation in Climate Zones 5 through 8. Exceptions: Where located within equipment. Where located within equipment. Where the design temperature difference between the interior and exterior of the duct or plenum is not greater than 15 degrees F (8 degrees C). Ducts, air handlers and filter boxes shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with section 403.2.4 C403.2.9.2 of these Georgia State Supplements and Amendments. Joints and seams shall comply with Section 603.9 of the International Mechanical Code. Exceptions: Air-impermeable spray foam product shall be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals. For ducts having a static pressure classification of less than 2 inches of water column (500 Pa), additional closure systems shall not be required for continuously welded joints and seams, and locking-type joints and seams of other than the snap-lock and button-lock types. Where a duct connection is made that is partially inaccessible, three screws or rivets shall be equally spaced on the exposed portion of the joint so as to prevent a hinge effect. Sealing that would void product listings is not required. 	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	R
63)	2015 IECC C403.3.9.2	Add new Section C403.2.9.2, 'Joints, seams and Connections', to read as follows: C403.2.9.2 Joints, Seams and Connections. All longitudinal and transverse joints, seams and connections in metallic and nonmetallic ducts shall be constructed as specified in SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standards- Metal and Flexible and NAIMA Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards. All joints, longitudinal and transverse seams, and connections in ductwork shall be securely fastened and sealed with welds, gaskets, mastics (adhesives), mastic-plus-embedded-fabric systems or tapes. Without exception all closure systems shall have mastic applied that is at least 0.08 inches (2mm) thick. Closure systems used to seal flexible air ducts and flexible air connections shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked "181 B-FX" for pressure-sensitive tape or "181 B-M" for mastic. Duct connections to flanges of air distribution systems equipment shall be sealed and mechanically fastened. Mechanical fastener for use with flexible non-metallic air ducts shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked 181B-C. Crimp joints for round metallic ducts shall have a contact lap of not less than 1 inch (25.4 mm) and shall be mechanically fastened by means of not less than three sheet-metal screws or rivets equally spaced around the joint. Closure systems used to seal metal ductwork shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Round metallic ducts shall be mechanically fastened by means of at least three sheet metal screws or rivets spaced equally around the joint. Unlisted duct tape shall not be permitted as a sealant on any duct. Exceptions: 1. Spray polyurethane foam shall be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals. 2. Where a duct connection is made that is partially inaccessible, three screws or rivets shall be equally spaced on the exposed portion of the joint so as to prevent a hinge effect. 3. Continuously welded and locking-type longitudinal joints and seams in ducts operating at static pressure less tha	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	R

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64)	2015 IECC R403.3.6	Add a new Section R403.3.6, 'Joints', seams and Connections', to read as follows: R403.3.6 Joints, seams and Connections. All longitudinal and transverse joints, seams and connections in metallic and nonmetallic ducts shall be constructed as specified in SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standards- Metal and Flexible and NAIMA Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standards. All joints, longitudinal and transverse seams, and connections in ductwork shall be securely fastened and sealed with welds, gaskets, mastics (adhesives), mastic-plus-embedded-fabric systems or tapes. Without exception all closure systems shall have mastic applied that is at least 0.08 inches (2mm) thick. Closure systems used to seal flexible air ducts and flexible air connectors shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked "181 B-FX" for pressure-sensitive tape or "181 B-M" for mastic. Duct connections to flanges of air distribution system equipment shall be sealed and mechanically fastened. Mechanical fastener for use with flexible non-metallic air ducts shall comply with UL 181B and shall be marked 181B-C. Crimp joints for round metallic ducts shall have a contact lap of not less than 1 ½" inch (38 mm) and shall be mechanically fastened by means of not less than three sheet—metal screws or rivets equally spaced around the joints. Closure systems used to seal metal ductwork shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Round metallic ducts shall be mechanically fastened by means of at least three sheet metal screws or rivets spaced equally around the joint. Unlisted duct tape shall not be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals. 2. Where a duct connection is made that is partially inaccessible, three screws or rivets shall be equally spaced on the exposed portion of the joint so as to prevent a hinge effect. 3. Continuously welded and locking-type longitudinal joints and seams in ducts operating at static pressures less than 2 inches of water column (500 Pa) pressure classification shall not require addition	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	R
65)	2015 IECC R403.3.2	 Revise Section R403.3.2 'Sealing (Mandatory)', to read as follows: R403.3.2 Sealing (Mandatory). Ducts, air handlers and filter boxes shall be sealed. Joints and seams shall comply with section 403.2.4 R403.3.6 of these Georgia State Supplements and Amendments. Joints and seams shall comply with either the International Mechanical Code or International Residential Code, as applicable. Exceptions: Air-impermeable spray foam product shall be permitted to be applied without additional joint seals. For ducts having a static pressure classification of less than 2 inches of water column (500 Pa), additional closure systems shall not be required for continuously welded joints and seams, and locking-type joints and seams of other than the snap-lock and button-lock types. Where a duct connection is made that is partially inaccessible, three screws or rivets shall be equally spaced on the exposed portion of the joint so as to prevent a hinge effect. Sealing that would void product listings is not required. 	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	А
66)	2015 IECC R403.3.3	 R403.3.3 Duct testing (Mandatory). Ducts shall be pressure tested to determine air leakage by one of the following methods: Rough-in test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. All registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test. Post-construction test: Total leakage shall be measured with a pressure differential of 0.1 inch w.g. (25 Pa) across the entire system, including the manufacturer's air handler enclosure. Registers shall be taped or otherwise sealed during the test. Exception: A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope. 	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	R

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		 Duct tightness testing is not required for existing duct systems unless more than 50% of the duct system is modified. If the air handler, furnace or evaporator coil is replaced on an existing system, all joints, seams and connections from equipment to duct system and duct system connections to plenums within 5 feet from the new work shall meet the sealing requirements of this code and be verified by a visual inspection by the state licensed conditioned air contractor or by a DET Verifier. A report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official owner or the owner's agent and, if requested, to the code official. 		
67)	2015 IECC R403.5.4	Revise Section R403.5.4 'Drain water heat recovery units', to read as follows: R403.5.4 Drain water heat recovery units. Drain water heat recovery units shall comply with CSA B55.2 or IAPMO PS 92. Vertical drain water heat recovery units shall be tested in accordance with CSA B55.1 and have a minimum effectiveness of 42 percent when tested in accordance with CSA B55.1. Sloped drain water heat recovery units shall be tested in accordance with IAPMO IGC 346 and have a minimum rated effectiveness of 42 percent when tested in accordance with IAPMO IGC 346 at the minimum slope specified in the Georgia plumbing code. Potable water-side pressure loss of vertical drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 3 psi (20.7 kPa) for individual units connected to one or two showers. Potable water-side pressure loss of vertical drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 2 psi (13.8 pKa) for individual units connected to three or more showers. Potable water-side pressure loss of sloped drain water heat recovery units shall be less than 4 psi (20.7 kPa).	Ryan Taylor, Representing SCAC and the American Institute of Architect, GA Association (AIA)	A
68)	2015 IECC R403.3.4	 R403.3.4 Duct leakage (Prescriptive) (Mandatory). The total leakage of the ducts, where measured by one of the following methods in accordance with Section R403.3.3 shall be as follows: Rough-in test: The total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area where the air handler is installed at the time of the test. Where the air handler is not installed at the time of the test, the total leakage shall be less than or equal to 3 cubic feet per minute (85 L/min) per 100 square feet (9.29m²) of conditioned floor space. Post-construction test: Total leakage shall be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute (113.3 L/min) per 100 sq. feet (9.29 m²) of conditioned floor area. Exception: A duct air leakage test shall not be required where the ducts and air handlers are located entirely within the building thermal envelope. Duct tightness testing is not required for existing duct systems unless more than 50% of the duct system is modified. If the air handler, furnace or evaporator coil is replaced on an existing system, all joints, seams and connections from equipment to duct system and duct system connections to plenums within 5 feet from the new work shall meet the sealing requirements of this code and be verified by a visual inspection by the state licensed conditioned air contractor or by a DET Verifier. 	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	R
69)	2015 IECC R502.1.1.2	R502.1.1.2 Heating and cooling systems. New heating, cooling and duct systems that are part of the addition shall comply with Sections R403.1, R403.2, R403.3, R403.5 and R403.6. Exception: Where ducts from an existing heating and cooling system are extended to an addition, duct systems with less than 40 linear feet (12.19 m) in unconditioned spaces shall not be required to be tested in accordance with Section R403.3.3. Duct tightness testing is not required for existing duct systems unless more than 50% of the existing duct system is modified.	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	A

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70)	2015 IECC R503.1.2	R503.1.2 Heating with Sections R40 Exception: When 40 linear feet (12 R403.3.3. Duct tig is modified.	3.1, R40 ducts fr 19 m) in	3.2, R403. om an exi unconditi	3 and R403 sting heatir oned space	.6. ng and c es shall r	ooling syste	em are ex ired to be	tended, duct sy tested in accor	rstems with less to rdance with Section	han on	Elaine Powers, Representing Conditioned Air Association of Georgia (CAAG)	A
71)	2015 IECC R403.7	Revise R403.7 Eq R403.7 Equipment For automatically appropriate portions determined by	nt sizing a modulat	and efficienting capac anual S pr	ncy rating	(Manda	i tory). Iling equipn	nent, the	system shall be	deemed to comp		Jeffery Sauls, Energy Vanguard, Elaine Powers and Mike Barcik	A
72)	2015 IECC R402.1.6	hole covers (mining insulation or max Note 2: Any mass Note 3: Attic kneed conditioned space Exception: When Note 4: Examples	MINIMUI Mass Wall Atripped h num R-19 mum U-0 wall (mas wall for th on one s che buildin of air-im batts and	rnative Content of the use of the	Basement Wall 0 5 0.30 max cal doors (mor maximum edeemed to look of this code ic space on t is insulation in	ES FOR E Crawl Wall 0 5 5 5 inimum n U-0.05) o meet the other the form clude sp	Table R402.1 Table R402.1 Tover Unheated Spaces 13 13 13 13 R-5 insulation, or weather e minimum in the state of the same of the state of the	e Complia thermal e to Table 4 and Energy ope Comp L.1 DMPONEN Ceilings with Attic Space 30 30 30 30 in or maxim estripped a is classified trigid foam	rence Alternative envelope competed and a san interior with board. Example	Onents in project iance Alternative Alternative. Frade-offs Are Use Offs Are Use O	Vaulted Unvented Roofline Airpermeable 20+5* 20+5* able as per IRC 5.5 hes/scuttle minimum R-5 ope element.	Mike Barcik, Southface, Representing (GEFA)	A

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73)	2015 IECC R403.6	Revise R403.6 Mechanical Ventilation to read as follows: R403.6 Mechanical ventilation (Mandatory). Where required, the building shall be provided with ventilation that meets the requirements of the <i>International Residential Code</i> or <i>International Mechanical Code</i> , as applicable, or with ASHRAE 62.2-2016 (in entirety) or with other approved means of ventilation. Outdoor air intakes and exhausts shall have automatic or gravity dampers that close when the ventilation system is not operating. R403.6.1 Whole-house mechanical ventilation system fan efficacy. Mechanical ventilation system fans shall meet the efficacy requirements of Table R403.6.1. Exception: Where mechanical ventilation fans are integral to tested and listed HVAC equipment, they shall be powered by an electronically commutated motor.	Mike Barcik, Southface, Representing (GEFA)	R
74)	2015 IECC R403.1.2	Revise R403.1.2 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory) to read as follows: R403.1.2 Heat pump supplementary heat (Mandatory). Heat pumps having supplementary electric-resistance heat shall have controls that, except during defrost, prevent supplemental heat operation when the heat pump compressor can meet the heating load. Except in Emergency heating mode, the supplementary electric-resistance heat may not energize unless the outdoor temperature is below 40°F.	Elaine Powers, Ryan Taylor and Mike Barcik	A
75)	2015 IECC Appendix RC	Add new Appendix RC, 'AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSTALLATION COMPONENT GUIDE'. Please see the handouts.	Mike Barcik, Southface, Representing (GEFA)	R
76)	2015 IECC Appendix RD	Add new Appendix RD, 'SAMPLE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE'. Please see the handouts.	Lauren Westmoreland, Representing (SEEA)	R